

Career Research Project: Career Research: Student Worksheet

Goal: You will use the Career Search Tool on CaliforniaColleges.edu in order to identify and learn about careers or industries of interest.

Part I: Introduction – Bell Work

How do you learn about careers? How do you know the skills you need for a particular career? Respond below.

Part II: Activity

1. Sign in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**. Hover on **Career** at the top of the page and click on **Career Search Tool**. There are three ways to research careers here; you will give each a try.
2. The first way is to **Search by Keyword**. There, you can type the name of any career, click **Search**, and you will see a list of careers related to your keyword. Try it.
3. The second way is to search using **Select Bright Outlook Occupation**. Select any one of the filters: All, Grow Rapidly, or Openings. These filters help you find careers that are in demand. Try it.
4. The third way is to search using the **Select Industry** filter. These filters help you find careers in specific career industries.
5. Focus on the **Select Industry** filter. If you are enrolled in a career pathway, select the industry from the drop-down to which your pathway is connected. If you are not in a career pathway, select an industry that interests you. After you select an industry, click on **Search**.
6. From your results list, test out the sorting options. To do this, click on the small arrows at the top of the **Career**, **Education Level**, **Salary**, and **Bright Outlook** columns. Sorting helps you organize your results list.
7. Sort your list by **Bright Outlook** so careers with a bright outlook are at the top of your list. Select one of those careers that has a bright outlook by clicking on the name of the career. You will be taken to the career factsheet. Take a few minutes to carefully review the factsheet. What do you notice? How does each section contribute to your learning about a career? Discuss with an elbow partner.
8. Click on **Back to Career Search Results** located at the very top of the factsheet in the black bar. Using what you have learned about the **Career Search Tool**, conduct a career search to find three careers that are a good match. Favorite (♥) three careers either from your results list or the top of career factsheets – this will save careers to your **My Plan**.

Part III: Reflect

- Go to **My Plan** and then **My Journal**. In the **Career Journal** section, find **prompt #06**:
“What does job growth look like in one industry you selected? How are you going to use that information to guide continued career exploration and future planning?”
- Respond to the above prompt. Follow your teacher’s instructions if they assign a different prompt.